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## SENATE BILL No. 333

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-8.1-5.1.

**Synopsis:** School discipline. Requires a school corporation to provide in its disciplinary rules for a meeting between the school principal and the person having care of a dependent student if the student is physically or verbally abusive to another individual on school grounds or in a school related setting.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 20-8.1-5.1-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2       FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 7. (a) The governing  
3       body of a school corporation must do the following:

4           (1) Establish written discipline rules, which may include  
5           appropriate dress codes, for the school corporation.

6           (2) Give general publicity to the discipline rules within a school  
7           where the discipline rules apply by actions such as:

8               (A) making a copy of the discipline rules available to students  
9               and students' parents; or

10              (B) delivering a copy of the discipline rules to students or the  
11              parents of students.

12       This publicity requirement may not be construed technically and  
13       is satisfied in any case when the school corporation makes a good  
14       faith effort to disseminate to students or parents generally the text  
15       or substance of a discipline rule.

16       (b) The superintendent of a school corporation and the principals of  
17       each school in a school corporation may adopt regulations establishing



lines of responsibility and related guidelines in compliance with the discipline policies of the governing body.

(c) The governing body of a school corporation may delegate rule making, disciplinary, and other authority as reasonably necessary to carry out the school purposes of the school corporation.

(d) Subsection (a) does not apply to rules or directions concerning the following:

- (1) Movement of students.
- (2) Movement or parking of vehicles.
- (3) Day-to-day instructions concerning the operation of a classroom or teaching station.
- (4) Time for commencement of school.
- (5) Other standards or regulations relating to the manner in which an educational function must be administered.

However, this subsection does not prohibit the governing body from regulating the areas listed in this subsection.

**(e) The rules established under subsection (a) must include a requirement that the principal of a school meet with a person having care of a dependent student under section 19 of this chapter if the student is physically or verbally abusive to another individual while the student is:**

- (1) on school grounds:**
  - (A) immediately before or during school hours;**
  - (B) immediately after school hours; or**
  - (C) at any other time when the school is being used by a school group;**
- (2) off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event;**
- or**
- (3) traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event.**

SECTION 2. IC 20-8.1-5.1-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 19. The governing body of a school corporation ~~may~~ **shall** adopt rules that require a person having care of a dependent student to participate in an action taken under this chapter in connection with a student's behavior. The rules must include the following:

- (1) Procedures for giving actual notice to the person having care of the dependent student.
- (2) A description of the steps that the person must take to participate in the school corporation's action.
- (3) A description of the additional actions in connection with the student's behavior that are justified in part or in full if the person

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